MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Number of debtors who paid the first instalment of debts 51,575

	Rs.	Chs.	C.
Total amount of the payments made	14,48,236	22	6

Working of the Debt Relief Act in the District Courts.

323. ❋ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara cum Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of petitions filed under Section 9 of the Debt Relief Act (Acts II and III of 1116) in each of the District Courts in the State;

(*b*) the number of petitions filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the above Acts in each of the District Courts in the State; and

(*c*) the number of petitions filed under Sections 9, 13 and 16 of the Act II of 1116 as amended by Act III of 1116 after the 31st of Kumbhom and before the 21st of Edavom during 1116 M. E. in each of the District Courts?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) A *statement showing the information required is laid on the table.

Sea fishing and Churches.

324. ❋**MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is compulsory that the sea fisherman should give 1/18th of his catches daily to the Church in the village, and the Church collect the same by leasing out the right in the village to contractors by auction annually; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the amount annually realised by the various Churches along the coast by selling the right during the years 1114, 1115 and 1116?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Government have no definite information though statements relating to the collection by priests of a portion of the catches have been made in various communications.

(*b*) Government have no information.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ മേലുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: If complaints are received, enquiries can be made.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether this practice is prevalent throughout the whole coastal area of the State or in only some parts?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, the allegation is that certain portions of the catches are given for the church by the fishermen. Where the practice prevails and among whom has to be ascertained.

PRESIDENT: It is apparently a voluntary payment by the fisher folk. The fish goes to the church as some presentation to the Parson, as they say.

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Appendix III.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 323.**

Statement showing the number of petitions filed under Sections 9, 13 and 16 of the Debt Relief Act in each of the District Courts in the State.

Sl. No.	Name of Court.	No. of petitions filed under Section 9 of the Debt Relief Act (Acts II & III of 1116) till 17-11-1116.	No. of petitions filed under Sections 13 & 16 of the Debt Relief Act till 17-11-1116.	No. of petitions filed under Sections 9, 13 and16 of the Act after the 31st Kumbhom and before the 21st Edavom, during 1116 M. E.	Remark
1	The Nagercoil District Court ...	209	77	35	
2	The Trivandrum do. ...	255	80	63	
3	The Quilon do. ...	154	46	14	
4	The Mavelikara do. ...	122	87	23	
5	The Alleppey do. ...	453	150	70	
6	The Kottayam do. ...	375	72	151	
7	The Parur do. ...	243	76	54	